



WALTER LINDLEY, M. D.

AN APPRECIATION OF WALTER LINDLEY

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It was my good fortune to make the acquaintance of Dr. Walter Lindley in 1886. At that time he had been in Los Angeles about ten years, and had built up a large medical practice, but had taken time to infuse new life and activity into the moribund Los Angeles Medical Society, and was its efficient secretary and later president.

He had improved the sanitary condition of the city by his service as health officer, and had served on the Board of Education: had devoted much time in helping start the Los Angeles Orphans' Home, and for a number of years was physician to the Home, and president of its Board of Managers. He had, also, been superintendent of the Los Angeles County Hospital for a couple of years.

At the time I became acquainted with him he was devoting his energies to organizing the first medical college in Los Angeles, and for several years thereafter was its efficient secretary, and later secretary and Dean of the Faculty.

His work in connection with the Board of Education and Orphans' Home led him to take great interest in defective children, and it was largely through his efforts that the Whittier State School was established. When it was finished and equipped he was its superintendent for the first five years of its existence, and later continued on its Board of Trustees. After resigning the superintendency of the Whittier State School he returned to Los Angeles and one of his first activities was to organize the California Hospital, to which he devoted largely of his time and means. He was its efficient medical director until it passed last year into the hands of the California Lutheran Hospital.

Shortly after the opening of the California Hospital he established a training school for nurses, the first to be established in Southern California. About this time he became publisher of the Southern California Practitioner, and was for many years the editor and publisher.

Prior to his superintendency of the Whittier State School he had become a member of the National Association of Charities and Correction, and for several years served as its secretary and later vice-president.

With all of his many interests he always found time to devote to the political affairs and the social welfare activities of the city.

He once said to me that the height of his ambition in the matter of wealth was to be able to buy all the books he wanted, and throughout his life he was always collecting choice books until he had a very large and valuable library, which was a source of great pleasure to himself and many of his friends.

He always gave a hearty welcome to the new physicians in Southern California, and scores of young doctors have been greatly indebted to him for his encouragement and help. No friend ever went to him with his troubles without receiving sympathy.

The apoplectic stroke, which came to him while at work, proved fatal in a few hours.

He has left to his sons and daughters a wonderful heritage of an unsullied life full of good works, and to his friends a memory of a beautiful friendship.

DEATHS

Hickman, W. S. Died in Georgetown, California, January 9, 1922. Was a graduate of Medical Department Vanderbilt University, Tenn., 1886. Licensed in California, 1886. Age 65.

McCoy, John. Died in the Soldiers' Home, Sawtelle, Calif., December 21, 1921. Was a graduate of Medical Department of the University of Michigan, March 30, 1865. Licensed in California, 1890.

Felton, Lucius Ely. Died in Hanford, Calif., January 8, 1922. Was 72 years of age and a graduate of Bellevue Hospital Medical College, New York, 1871. Licensed in California, 1891.

Clifford, John Bruce. Died in Santa Barbara, Calif., January 12, 1922. Was a graduate of the California Medical College, California, 1894. Licensed in 1894.

Felton, Lucius Ely. Died in Hanford, Calif., January 8, 1922. Age 72. Was a graduate from Bellevue Hospital Medical College, New York, 1871. Licensed in California, 1891.

Gilliland, A. B. Died in Cottonwood, Calif., January 26, 1922. Was a graduate of the U. S. Grant University, Tennessee, 1894, and licensed in California, 1897. Was president of the Shasta County Medical Society of the State of California.

Johnson, J. H. Died in San Gabriel, January 16, 1922. Was a graduate from University City of New York, 1887. Licensed in California, 1888. Was a member of the Medical Society, State of California.

Layman, D. W. Died in San Diego, January 15, 1922. Was a graduate of the University of Illinois, College of Physicians and Surgeons, 1904. Licensed in California, 1921. Was a member of the Medical Society, State of California.

Lindley, Walter. Died in Los Angeles, January 24, 1922. Was a graduate of Long Island College Hospital, New York, 1875. Licensed in California, 1876. Member of the Medical Society, State of California, also State Board of Health and a former member of the State Board of Medical Examiners.

Morrissey, Joseph Grant. Died in San Francisco, January 13, 1922. Was a graduate of Medical Department, University of California, 1894. Licensed here the same year. Age 57.

Owen, Henry W. Died in Bakersfield, Calif., December, 1921. Was a graduate from College of Physicians and Surgeons, Kansas City, Mo., 1901. Licensed in California, 1901. Age 53. Was a member of the Medical Society, State of California.